

THE VALLEY CITIES.

Notes From the Growing Towns of the Great Southwest.

CLEARWATER.

Never in the history of Clearwater has there been more indications of real improvement than now. Several new stores are being built, and many good residences. The timely rains of Friday and Saturday morning will assure the corn crop and the farmers all wear smiling faces, and well they may; although the country is full of old corn the farmers have preferred to keep it until the present crop is assured. Cranking about drouthy Kansas comes with poor grace, and has for four years past, from many of the great corn and grain states east of us, when they must depend upon our grain for their bread and feed. The fact is the whole country east, west, north and south is passing through a climatic change. The great American desert west of us of which eastern Kansas was a part, is blessed now with rains and good crops, and I think the experience of the past five years as well as the present year warrants us in saying that Kansas for its future "I can say that this valley will support it, and the people are settling here and engaging in all kinds of business. We will soon have church and school privileges equal to other similar towns. So let the people all pull together in encouraging every enterprise which shall be for the good and permanency of our young city.

Elder Wm. Parker has officiated here as the pastor of the Baptist church for several years. The society has been a comfortable house and good congregation. The M. E. church have arranged for preaching here one half of the time, and will undoubtedly soon build a church.

Mr. E. D. Munn, of Cleveland, Ohio, who resided for some time in Wichita, left here a few days since for Cleveland, and will return soon with his family when he will make this city his future home.

Mrs. J. C. Badley, wife of one of our young merchants, came in on the train Tuesday from Quincy, Illinois, and was delighted with our new city, and Kansas generally.

I need not say that the Eagle has become a necessity, and is building her nest in almost every business house and residence in town. As the Eagle is our nation's emblem, so may she always be emblematic of the great truths she so faithfully represents. The state ticket with Dr. Allen could not have been better. It will make a clean sweep in November.

THE GREAT ENCAMPMENT.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., July 23, 1884.

EDITOR EAGLE:

At Kansas City our party numbered forty, divided into four divisions, the Council Bluffs route, the other the Rock Island. Four trains, loaded down with excursionists, pulled out within an hour and a half after our arrival on the latter route. The former took out the first train on Tuesday morning, having arrived in the night, and remained almost until daylight. Having attended the encampment at Denver last year, a comparison of the two would be largely in favor of the present one. The arrangements in camp are better as well as the facilities for getting there. The luncheon arrangements and the speaking of good words are all that could be desired. No one need go hungry or thirsty and the tents and buildings admirably furnish ample sleeping accommodations every one in the camp is comfortable. The newspapers say they will leave behind them in Minneapolis, at least one million of dollars. The hotels were full before the first train left. Many of the private houses are entertaining guests and the boarding houses are all chock full. The balance are out at the camp. Among the notabilities here are General Sargent, Logan, Terry, Fairchild, Negley, Gibson and Grosvenor. Logan takes the cake. I say this without political bias, for, say what you will, John A. Logan is master of the heartiest and most generous of the west than any other living man. This morning, before the procession had formed, Logan was passing on horseback, attended by an escort. Suddenly the way was blocked up by men rushing from the crowd of the crowd. Logan, who was to take him by the hand, and I thought he stood there and watched this spontaneous movement, of what that man must have endured, even for a brief spell, to see him almost wreathed from the shoulder in this abominable practice of hand-shaking on great occasions of this kind. All along the march he was greeted with cheers, and for two miles or more he was being constantly motioned. Raising his hat to the two hundred thousand people who lined the sidewalks and places of observation. Uncle Billy Sherman rode in the procession to the front of the line, and was not so conspicuous as Logan, who was mounted on a superb horse, in a neat fitting suit of black, and he sat on his horse as jauntily as when leading the boys in a grand review twenty years ago. These twenty years have not whitened nor thinned his raven locks, whilst the short beard covering Sherman's face is white as snow, and gives him an appearance of age which his action belies. Of course cheers rent the air as the old hero went by, and there were thousands there who would have taken fabled delight in wringing his arm from the socket out of pure love, had they dared. The procession itself was the biggest thing of the kind I ever beheld, and was two hours in passing the point where I stood, for like one half of the grand army men it was not my day for marching, and I was not in the front under a shade tree. The day has been a fearful hot one, and the heavy rains last night left the streets in a muddy condition. I did not count all the hands in the procession, but then there was not less than thirty. The Minnesota veterans carried the tattered flags they had fought under twenty years ago. The state militia was well represented, also a battery of artillery and a battalion of cavalry troops from Ft. Snelling. To-night the Topeka flambeau club gave a demonstration at the camp. Three thousand dollars worth of fireworks will be expended and there will be such a crowd to witness it as has never before been seen in the west on any occasion. To-morrow the boys will begin to scatter. First to the various places of resort and their name is legion—home, singly, in pairs, and by squads, some well pleased with the trip, others damming it with only faint praise, but as the years go by I have no doubt it will be a pleasant reminiscence to dwell upon.

STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE.

Information is wanted of one Miles H. Gibson, who came up from Arkansas in March to Wilson county, and then to this county the following morning. He had wages and mule team, and was accompanied by his wife and three children. His son, a young man, arrived in this city yesterday morning, and fears that something has happened to his father or that he may be dead. The last he heard of him was he had taken a contract to work some prairie about nine miles from Wichita. Anyone knowing anything of the facts or of Mr. Gibson, will please send word to J. H. Gibson, Fredonia, Wilson county, Kansas.

SAD DEATH OF J. P. MCGOVNEY.

The startling news was brought to the city last evening of the unexpected death of James Porter McGovney, of Illinois township. On last Thursday, just before noon time, he was handling his stallion, when the animal accidentally struck him in the stomach with one of his fore feet, causing inflammation. He lingered in great agony until yesterday morning, half past one o'clock, when he expired. The news was received with many expressions of sympathy from his neighbors. McGovney was born in Adams county, Ohio, and was about thirty-two years of age, and was a brave man and a loyal one who not only loved his fellow men but loved his country, as well, having enlisted in the 10th Iowa Cavalry, E. Co., when he was but eighteen years of age. To his sorrowing wife, weeping children and saddened neighbors we tender our sympathies, assuring them that such a life will meet with a sure reward in a brighter home where accidents never come or if happening must be of joy and not attended by grief or death.

The funeral will take place this Sunday morning from his late residence at 10:30 o'clock.

CHURCH CHIMES.

Let us forget this bright Sabbath morning, our part in the conduct of this life, for the trials and troubles, the vexations and disappointments incident to a struggle for bread, and, if unable to grasp with trusting faith the sweet hope of the beyond, to at least rest. If the life of this world, which has witnessed the appearance and exit of thousands of generations, is short, then how brief indeed is our poor existence, whether yours dear reader, or mine, and how brief this eternal strain of body, brain and spirit.

"Hail, hold day: the blessing from above Brightens thy presence like a smile of love. Smoothing, like oil upon a stormy sea, The roughest waves of our calamities. Bearing the good and to the poor oppressed, Cheering the sighs of their heavenly seat."

There will be preaching at St. John's Episcopal church this morning at 11 o'clock, by Rev. P. A. Johnson, who will have a large attendance. Sunday school at three in the afternoon.

Reformed church services every two weeks at Russell Hall at 10:30 o'clock, a. m. Services this morning. All are welcome. Preaching by J. E. Brown.

Rev. T. W. Woodrow will preach at Russell Hall next Sunday evening, July 27th, at 8 o'clock. The services are regular on two Sunday evenings monthly—the second and fourth Sundays. A cordial welcome to all.

Prof. Joseph Harris, of McKean county, Indiana, and old and intimate friend of Dr. Phillips, arrived in the city yesterday, and will occupy Dr. Phillips' pulpit at the risk this morning. There will be no services at the risk to-night.

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Mrs. L. E. Bailey, of Battle Creek, Mich., will lecture under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. in the Presbyterian church this Sunday evening.

A TROUBLE THAT WAS A JOY.

There was trouble here before last. The operator thought the wires were down between Emporia and Topeka, the foreman thought it was owing to an unusual electrical disturbance, the night force, almost to panic, thought it was owing to a cable man and the messenger boy, thought that they wanted to see a man, while the editor thought nothing but kept on writing against space. After developments showed that the trouble was owing to water street at the house of the business manager, who had gotten up a ratification meeting without any brass band. There were not a very large number present, but the attendance was very select, as high as \$10 being paid for the presence of a single individual. The result was most gratifying, another Blaine and Logan man being secured. The business manager declared next morning on his word and honor that the new recruit for a protective tariff, a free ballot and an honest count, weighed fifteen pounds and as the assertion was accompanied by a box of cigars both the day and night forces, including the devil, echoed "fifteen pounds," and as fifteen pounds for a boy baby is about to the measure of the average productions of this valley, and we feel accord with the spirit of the Eagle's representation of facts accompanied, fifteen pounds goes.

All affection's windows open to receive him.

Pure and fresh from Heaven and gave his name.

Clothing and caring.

In arms of love compressing.

That had missed a blessing till the baby came.

THE NEW M. E. CHURCH.

The Myer Bros. have been awarded the contract for the painting, entire, of the new M. E. church to be built in this city this summer, under a contract by A. Smith. We are informed that this will be the largest and finest contract for painting ever let in the city as the trusses are to be exposed and the ceiling to be of wood. The church completely will cost about twenty thousand dollars, and work in the building will commence tomorrow. We have not been treated with a view of the prospective, the

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Other Foreign Items of More or Less Interest.

ENGLAND.

LONDON, July 26.—Lord Rosebery today unveiled the statue of Robert Burns on the Thames embankment. The statue, a prominent Scotchman, was unveiled.

A coalition is being formed between certain Liberals and Tories for the purpose of moving a vote of censure on the government on the treaty negotiated between Admiral Hewitt and King John of Abyssinia, on the ground that it gives sanction to the raid in southern Sudan and will lead to a wholesale carnage of Arabs.

The Economist says the discount for banks for sixty days to three months is 11-1/2 per cent; trade bills, 11-1/2 and 2 per cent. Money is weaker with no business doing. Discounts have receded. British and foreign bonds are slightly improved, and confidence in American railroad securities is increasing.

The survey for the Anglo-American ship canal from Kingston harbor to Galway bay is completed and the plans are prepared to be submitted to a conference of engineers.

MANCHESTER, July 26.—The demonstration here today in favor of the franchise bill was a success. John Bright presided. 40,000 persons were present, including many members of the house of commons and prominent Liberal. Gladstone sent a letter apologizing for his absence.

Mr. Bright in his speech said he believed the conquest by the people would be complete as it had been before. They had met with the object of compelling a house representing nearly directly elected members of parliament to accept a bill issued by a house representing millions of people. The cabinet had a right to decide the question of whether they should accept two bills. The majority of the house of lords refused to accept the new principle which Gladstone introduced both in this and the former parliament, namely, a desire to give perfect justice to the Irish people.

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